

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 13, in the paragraph beginning on line 8, change as follows:

A The set of heuristic rules 106 in the present example also includes equally important rules for when not to track. For example, a sustained close-up of a participant who is listening is generally very uncomfortable for that participant. Therefore, the rules 106 may include a rule to the effect that all tracking stops when no one speaks locally or when a participant at the remote end speaks, and these two conditions may be considered equivalent. More specifically, the system 100 may, e.g., first generate a control signal directing the camera 18 to zoom out 20% after t seconds of silence, and then generate a control signal directing the camera 18 to zoom out fully to provide a group view after 30 seconds of silence. These optional steps are illustrated in FIG. 4, respectively as steps 220, 230. More complex rules may be used that involve intermediary steps when changing speaker or attempt to keep two often-alternating speakers in view.